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Microsoft must NOT be let off easy. While I don't see any reason to break up the company, I do think what the nine dissenting states are trying to do will at least compel Microsoft to work out more meaningful measures to insure fairness. There must be constant pressure on Microsoft in order to impress upon the company that they will not be able to engage in anti-competitive practices with impunity. But THESE larger issues with companies like Microsoft must be addressed as well:

1) End User License Agreements must come into line with the 21st Century - make that the 20th Century. The prospect that private individuals do not own the software they pay for is outrageous. The telephone companies were reigned in long ago over the issue of private individuals installing their own multiple phone extensions in their own homes. It should be the same for software: The license should go to the user, not the machine. Likewise, businesses should purchase the a number of licenses equal to the number of people who use the software.

2) ANY software company that sells to the public should be required by law to a) sell a product that WORKS the way it is intended and continue to support it until it can be said to be "complete", and b) continue to make the product available for as long as anyone wants to use it OR sell the code to another party who will continue to make it available OR release the code to the public. Software is a set of instructions geared to a paticular generation of machines and should therefore be at least as maintainable as the machines themselves.

The nature of technological change in the present day is beyond the ability of a governing body to keep up with, UNLESS we can draw decisive parallels with other, past arrangements.